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SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM MEETING OF SOCIALIST LEADERS

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1. FIRST ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM FOR SCHEDULED CONFERENCE OF
SOCIALIST LEADERS AUGUST 2 WAS PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST MARIO
SOARES, WHO ARRIVED JULY 31. ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER

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YITZHAK RABIN, WHO HAD EARLIER NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN LIST
OF PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING, ARRIVED STOCKHOLM AUGUST 1.

2. SOARES HELD PRESS CONFERENCE UPON ARRIVAL IN WHICH HE

WAS ASKED ABOUT REPORTED STATEMENTS OF GEN. OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO THAT "HARSH MEASURES MIGHT BE TAKEN AGAINST OPPONENTS OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE TRIUMVERATE." SOARES EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THIS "HARD" STATEMENT, BUT NOTED THAT OTELO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM CUBA. SOARES ADDED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO OTELO, WHOM HE SAID "WANTS TO SEE ME (SOARES) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING SENT INTO EXILE AGAIN, SOARES SAID HE DID NOT FEAR EXILE, HAVING BEEN IN EXILE FOR FIVE YEARS, BUT ADDED THAT HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN. CONCERNING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMUNISTS AND THE SOCIALISTS IN PORTUGAL, SOARES SAID THE DIFFERENCES ARE "NOT MARXISM AND IT MIGHT NOT EVEN BE LENIN -- IT IS STALIN."

3. THE PARTICIPATION OF RABIN THE CONFERENCE CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE, SINCE PREVIOUSLY MFA SOURCES HAD STATED THAT RABIN WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MEETING WHICH WAS TO BE LIMITED ONLY TO "EUROPEAN" SOCIALISTS. THE SECRECY ON RABIN MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS (SECURITY FOR THE MEETING, THE LARGEST MEETING OF SOCIALIST LEADERS EVER TO TAKE PLACE IN SWEDEN, WILL BE EXTREMELY TIGHT). ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH PRESS, THE REASON FOR RABIN'S PARTICIPATION IS THE ISRAELI DESIRE TO RALLY EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AGAINST THE EFFORT OF THE ARAB STATES TO OUST OR SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE U.N.

4. THE LIST OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS IN ADDITION TO SOARES AND RABIN IS AS FOLLOWS: ANKER JORGENSEN, DENAMARK, KALEVI SORSA, FINLAND, FRANCOIS MITTERAND, FRANCE, JOHANNES DEN UYL, THE NETHERLANDS, BETTINO CRAXI, ITALY, TRYGVE BRATTELI AND REIULF STEEN, NORWAY, HARDOLD WILSON AND JAMES CALLAGHAN, UNITED KINGDOM, HELMUT SCHMIDT AND WILLY BRANDT, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND BRUNO KREISKY, AUSTRIA. IN ADDITION TO PALME, SWEDEN WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN
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ANDERSSON. DURING THE DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC MATTER, FINANCE MINISTER GUNNAR STRANG WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING.
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